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On 19 August the North Korean 8 Division was commanded by Major General O Pack-yong. The division consists of three regiments and has a total strength of 5,000 men. The division is equipped with twenty-four 120-mm. guns (?mortars), fifty-four 82-mm. guns (?mortars), eighteen 45-mm. guns, four tanks, and an unspecified number of type SCR-300 radios captured from U.S. forces. The division is short of food, ammunition and medical supplies,

On 15 August two regiments of North Korean guerrilla troops led by North Korean Lt. Col. NA Yon-chol left Taejon to infiltrate Taegu and take it over by the end of August. The guerrillas are armed with rifles, and each company has about six mortars or pack howitzers. Each regiment has

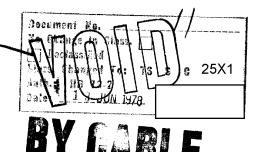
one signal platoon. Ten percent of the force are women.

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In mid-August North Korean soldiers reported that the recent B-29 bombing of Waegwan hit a concentration of 40,000 volunteer army troops and inflicted heavy casualties (number unknown). The troops scattered and just regrouped north of the ROK 1st Division in mid-August.

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